Lamentable Condition of Indiana Coal Business-Harry Harrington's Record-Other State News.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal. GREENFIELD, Ind., Jan. 6,-The Republicans held meetings in every township in this county, to-day, to select precinct committeemen and name delegates to the district convention which meets at Indianapolis on Jan. 18. The meetings were all large and enthusiastic. In this (Center) township the convention at the courthouse, this afternoon, was as large as the county mass convention held by the Democrats last Saturday. A strong committee was selected and also a good delegation for Indianapolis. A speech was made by Capt. R. A. Black. The Republicans of this county are wide-awake and will make a grand showing this fall. There are already numerous converts from the Democracy. The Seventh congressional district will be redeemed this fall and old Hancock will do her duty.

Henry County Meeting. Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

GREENSBURG, Ind., Jan. 6.-Republicans of Washington township met in the G. A. R. Hall this afternoon. Col. M. C. Welch, a soldier of two wars, was elected chairman, and C. C. Lowe secretary. Speeches were made by M. D. Tackett, D. A. Myers, Dr. Ong and Tim LaRue. One third of those present were old soldiers The delegates were instructed for Hon. W. R. Pleak, of Decatur county, for district committeeman. The delegates to the Lawrenceburg convention are Col. John T. Rankin, D. A. Ardary, Oscar G. Miller, A. M. Reed, John F. Childs, A. P. Bone, O. P. Creath and M. D. Tackett. Alternates James Kercheval, D. C. Elder, Benjamin McCoy, J. W. Stout, Tim LaRue, Winn Harvey, Frank Hazelrigg and Robert Whiteman. Members of the central committee are George Anderson, Anderson Willey, Harry Gaines, Thomas Sheppard, Benjamin Garver, C. C. Lowe, T. G. Power and James G. Pulse.

Wayne County Conventions. Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

RICHMOND, Ind., Jan. 6.-Republicans in the several townships of Wayne county held conventions to-day to elect precinct and county committeemen and delegates to the district convention. There was a large attendance in all townships and a good working organization was completed. The conventions determined to nominate county officers at a primary under the Aus-

Farmland Committeemen Elected. Special to the Indianapolis Journal. FARMLAND, Ind., Jan. 6 .- The Republicans of East and West Farmland precincts held an election this afternoon and selected W. C. West and H. D. Good as members of the county central committee B. L. Wilson and J. H. Thornburg were chosen delegates to the convention at New Castle Jan, 10, with J. L. Mills and Steven

COAL BUSINESS CRIPPLED. Notes from the Indiana Field Expose

an Alarming Condition. Special to the Indianapolis Journal. BRAZIL, Ind., Jan. 6 .- Probably the most distracted state of affairs that has been known in the Brazil block coal fields is being experienced now. W. W. Risher. superintendent of the Crawford Coal Company, said this morning that in the past month comparatively nothing had been done. He assigns as a reason the mild weather and the general stagnation of business, coupled with the high price of Indiana coal. Said Mr. Risher:

"Last year at this date Clay county furnished the Chicago rolling mills 14,000 tons of coal a day, and the Terre Haute rolling mills 200 tons daily. The former mill have closed down completely, while the latter are using but very little coal. At other markets where Indiana block coal once took the lead, Ohio and Pennsylvania coal is being thrust on the consumer at a greatly reduced rate, a price that we cannot compete with, as we advanced the wages of our employes and are forced to comply with our contract, mile Ohio and

rennsylvaria companies have reduced the Mr. Risher claimed that his company could supply the orders they have at present or have any prospect of getting with the output of one mine, and it is probable that the other mines will be closed for an indefinite period unless times get better. All other coal companies are finding the same difficulty. Persons in a position to know claim that the Brazil Block Coal Company contemplates laying off numerous day men who have been in its employ for twelve or thirteen years, and close down for an indefinite period three or four mines. as the demand for the product will not

warrant operation Weaver, Getz & Co. also contemplate relucing their employes considerably in topes of giving the older men better employment. This company has not been operating its mines to exceed one day a week for some time.

Hard Up at Clay City.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal. Y CITY, Ind., Jan. 6.-The factories toal mines are doing but little work now and workingmen are barely able keep up expenses.

A QUEER CHARACTER. Anrry Harrington Is a Study for Ex-

perts in Criminology. Scial to the Indianapolis Journal.

KHART, Ind., Jan. 6 .- The downward checkered career of Harry Harringof this city, son of the late Dr. Harton, reads like one of Zola's descriptions in Dr. Pascal. Young Harrington, whose father was a wealthy local physiclan, early displayed marked musical talent, and was greatly encouraged, especially by his mother, a woman of refinement and unusual musical ability. At sixteen he was considered the finest performer on the plano in this part of the State. He early manifested strong tendencies to vices, and a few years ago his name was associated with the suicide of a young girl, the adopted daughter of a prominent minister, residing here at that time. He was an only child, and his parents indulged him. He attended a medical college in Chicago year, and was supposed by his parents to be attending there the second year, but it was discovered he was playing the plano in a concert dive. He then married a disreputable woman at Wauseon, O. After a time he separated from her. His actions drove his mother insane, and she is now in the asylum at Indianapolis, beyond all hope of recovery. Then his grandmother iled and left him \$5,000, which was only a frop in the bucket to one of his tendencies Iwo or three years ago his father, bowed "n by afflictions brought about by his

waywardness, died and left all his tate to the young man, stipulating ames at that only the income should in specific sums at stated As a mefter his father's death, and he attempted to board a 1 New Yor train, with the result r the wheels and both legs stablish bove the knees. He recovmoney cats were again made by inest opstumps had healed and he was ave his room, he was up to his cra Several months ago he went to where, as his needs became great, fuld pawn his artificial legs, and ng on his stumps, would beg on the ets. He was frequently seen doing this persons from this place. At midnight t night he returned here from Chicago, thy, ragged and hungry. Going to the littance, he threw himself down on the doorsiep, apparently to remain there the est of the night. The friend took him to totel, fed him and put him to bed, and this morning Harrington appealed to Township Trustee Marx, who bought him a suit of othes and took him to the county asylum for the poor to remain there until another ney installment of his property becomes

GET OUT THE GLOVES.

Judges McNutt and Mack, of Terre Haute, at Daggers' Points.

fue, which will not be for some time yet.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal. TERRE HAUTE, Ind., Jan. 6 .- Ex-Judge Mack, Judge McNutt and the latter's son d a second quarrel in court to-day, which nearly ended in violence. In the trial of a slander suit a few days ago the ex-Judge | Special to the Indianapolis Journal. because, as the ex-Judge alleged, the | gold was discovered to-day in the very | fountain question.

lawyer on the other side, who was the Judge's son, was given undue privileges of argument. The Judge fined the ex-Judge \$25, and ordered him out of the case and outside the space about the lawyers' desks, calling in the sheriff to see that his order was complied with. To-day the ex-Judge found the Judge in the court room, but did not know that court was in session. He said the record in the case was wrongly made up. The quarrel was renewed. The ex-Juige wanted the Judge to retire with him to a private room to have it out. Then the Judge's son, Finley McNutt, took part and invited the ex-Judge to go with him to some convenient place outside the court room. Judge McNutt again sent for the sheriff, and once more order was restored.

INDIANA DEATHS.

Elder Reuben Webster Leaves a Fortune of \$50,000.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal. BRAZIL, Ind., Jan. 6 .- Elder Reuben Webster passed away at his home on West Main street yesterday evening, at 4 o'clock, at the age of seventy-six. Mr. Webster has a history of unusual interest. He was born in Dick Johnson township. Mr. Webster was an eccentric man. He was ordained as elder in the Christian Church in 1840. After his death \$819 in gold and greenbacks and nearly \$2,000 in government bonds were found on his person, sewed up tightly in a sack, which indicated that he had kept it thus concealed for many years. During the war he kept his gold buried on his farm. His will was rudely written with a lead pencil on one-half of a leaf of a small pocket memorandum and dated 1893. Mr. Webster married when a young man, but his wife died many years ago. He had one child, but it died several years since, and he has from that time lived The deceased owned considerable property in this city and was possessor of two hundred acres of fine coal and farming land in Dick Johnson township. His aggregate wealth is estimated at \$50,000.

Death of Mrs. Cyrus Williams.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal. ELKHART, Ind., Jan., 6.-Mrs. Cyrus Williams, a well-known woman of this city and member of a prominent family. died suddenly to-day of heart disease, aged orty-five years.

NEWS FROM TAILHOLT. The Women Pour Whisky in the Streets in that Village.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal. KOKOMO, Ind., Jan. 6.-The town of Tailholt, twelve miles west of this place, made famous in some of the early poems of James Whitcomb Riley, was the scene of much excitement this week. Yesterday James Scircle, a man who attempted to start a saloon at that village, came to town and swore out affidavits against four reputable women of Tailholt, charging them with vandalism, malicious trespass and assault and battery. It is charged that William Pickard, Daisy Pickard, Nannie Hamilton, W. Pickard and Mary Gildersleve, night before last, armed with hatchets and clubs, smashed in the doors and windows of the saloon, then, after destroying the furniture, emptied all the liquor into the street. Public sentiment is with the women, and the State's attorney refused to issue warrants for their arrest.

IN A TIGHT CORNER. Detective Nerris, at Peru, Having a

Hard Time of It. Special to the Indianapolis Journal. PERU, Ind., Jan. 6 .- At the preliminary hearing of detective John T. Norris, today, he was bound over to the grand jury in the sum of \$500, under the Pinkerton law of 1889, for personating an officer and for attempting to arrest a number of circus people here. Habeas corpus proceedings have been instituted, which will be heard Sunday by Judge Cox. Norris's friends are here from Cincinnati with indemnity bond for \$50,000 for his defense. Every attorney in this city, with the exception of two. were engaged for the prosecution. Norris made acknowledgment to-day that he was hired by another gang of show people for the purpose of annoying the two circuses of this city, and that he has been acting in that capacity for the past few years. There is much excitement over the affair, and the end nowhere in sight.

After Muncie's Counterfeiters. Special to the Indianapolis Journal

MUNCIE, Ind., Jan. 6 .- United States Marshal W. H. Hawkins and secret service detective J. B. Carter came to Muncie today to investigate Muncie's find of counterfeiters' tools. Edward Martin was examined and will be taken to Indianapolis Monday. Martin is the owner of the property where the complete counterfeiters' outfit was found yesterday. To-day the police found some more stolen goods at another house near the Martin residence. The goods came from the Desota store and were sold by Frank Williams, who got away. Local bankers state that the men had succeeded in floating some of the counterfelt coin, which was dangerous, because of its perfection. In weight it is twostrong effort will be made to locate Wil-

More Pendleton Burglaries. Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

PENDLETON, Ind., Jan. 6.-Burglars made an attempt last night to gain entrance to the residence of H. B. Taylor, but were unsuccessful. At about 4 o'clock this morning they succeeded in entering the home of Ed. Graham, about five miles northwest of here, and got \$40. The restence of Minard Shuma Graham, was also invaded. This makes six burglaries for Pendleton and vicinity the past week, and the people are determined to capture the rascals. The famous Seymour bloodhounds are expected here tonight, and the hounds will be put on the thieves' trail at once.

"Fire Bugs" Near Rockport. Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

ROCKPORT, Ind., Jan. 6.-"Fire bugs" have been in active operations in this county this week, three barns having been burned. John Beeler and Amos Wright. two farmers living out about four miles, lost their barns Monday night. The barn of Frederick Osborn, of the same locality. containing a large amount of grain, burned Tuesday night. The loss on all the barns and contents has been estimated at \$5,000. The commissioners of this county have offered a reward of \$100 for the apprehension and conviction of any "fire bug.

Wants \$10,000 for a Leg. Special to the Indianapolis Journal. FRANKFORT, Ind., Jan. 6.-William Smith, traveling salesman for the Standard Oll Company, with headquarters in Indianapolis, has filed suit in the Clinton Circuit Court asking \$10,000 damages of liveryman Willis, of Kirklin. On Sept. 12 Smith alleges that Wills hired to him a team to drive him to Sheridan; that on the trip the horses became unmanageable and ran away. throwing Smith out, breaking his leg and causing other injuries which have wholly incapacitated him from following his occu-

Fight with Tramps at Yorktown. Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

YORKTOWN, Ind., Jan. 6 .- A band of tramps raided Yorktown last night and offered stolen property for sale, besides insulting women, demanding money of people on the street and trying to examine the safes of merchants. The citizens, being in fear of robbery, formed a company and with rocks and clubs drove them out of

Star Mills Get \$22,000 Insurance. Special to the Indianapolis Journal. WABASH, Ind., Jan. 6 .- The adjusters of the various insurance companies completed the work of settling the loss on the Star woolen mills to-day. The face of the policies was \$40,000. The companies pay \$12,000

on machinery, \$4,000 on building and \$5,000

on wool and manufactured produce. Double Funeral at Colfax.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal. COLFAX, Ind., Jan. 6.-Mr. and Mrs. A. J. McCarty, each over eighty years, and pioneer residents of this county, died Thursday morning at their homes in Jefferson, there being six hours between their deaths. They were buried to-day with two hearses. It is the only double funeral that has ever occurred here.

Elevator Men Fail at Hammond. HAMMOND, Ind., Jan. 6 .- Atkins & Sons, owners of mills and elevators, made an assignment yesterday for \$225,000. Refusal of banks to grapt longer time on loans precipitated the trouble.

Gold Found at Elwood. and Judge McNutt had an exciting contro- ELWOOD, Ind., Jan. 6.-A rich deposit of

heart of the city by some laborers who were digging a vault. It will be mined.

Inditional mortes. Charles and Henry Hale were, perhaps fatally crushed beneath the timbers of a barn that collapsed near Butlerville yester-William Stormont, father of Gil R. Stormont, editor of the Princeton Clarion, died

in that city Tuesday, aged eighty-six. He

was one of the pioneers of Gibson county, but was bron in North Carolina, which State he left in early manhood because of his anti-slavery opinions. MISTAKEN FOR SOFAS

The French Attack on British Troops Due to a Blunder.

Lieut. Moritz, Who Paid for the Error with His Life, Thought He Had Surprised Marauding Africans.

LONDON, Jan. 6 .- The attack on British soldiers by French troops on the frontier of Sierra Leone, Africa, has caused a great stir in official circles here. Particulars of the engagement received to-day say that the British force, said to number about five hundred native troops, sent against the Sofas, were encamped near Warina, in the sphere of British influence. Shortly before daylight on Dec. 23 this force was attacked by thirty Senegalese sharpshooters, supported by 200 native French auxiliaries under Lieutenant Moritz, of the French regular army. The French opened fire on the British, who replied, and, after the fighting had continued for some time, the French retired and Lieutenant Moritz, who had been wounded, was captured by the British and brought into camp. On being questioned as to his reason for opening fire on the British troops, Lleutenant Moritz explained that he mistook the British force for a force of Sofas under European officers and Arab leaders. Lieutenant Moritz, in spite of the assistance promptly rendered him, died of his wounds. In addition ten of the Senegalese sharpshooters were killed, and of the frontier police which accompanied the expedition, in addition to Inspector-general Lendy, two were killed and three were seriously wounded. The British force, it is added, remains at Warina. The Governor of Sierra Leone cabled to the Marquis of Ripon, Secretary of State for the Colonies, to-day, confirming the press dispatch in all points and adding that the French pretend that they thought the British were enemies, though it appears certain that the scene of the encounter was well on the British side of the border. Later dispatches say the encounter took place during a period of bright moonlight. When the French surprised the British force the latter was unprepared for the engagement and could not easily have been mistaken for Sofas. The dispatches also say that the French officer in command. who was mortally wounded, prior to his death in the British camp was able to explain his blunder. He said that in the moonlight he mistook the white campaigning costume of the British officers for the white dress of Arab chiefs, whom he supposed to be in command of a force of Sofas. It is now said that this statement of the French officer makes it perfectly clear that a mistake was made by the French, and that no responsibility attaches to the British officers. It is not explained, however, what the French force was doing in a locality which was well within the British border, and it is this point which is liable to lead to serious complication when coupled with the shooting of the British officers and soldiers

The leading English newspapers are al inclined to suspend judgment on the affair until full details of the engagement is received from the Governor of Sierra Leone, and until an explanation is furnished by the French authorities as to the presence within the British border of such a large force of French troops. The Daily News, which may be supposed to accurately reflect the views of the government on the subject, says that the incident will form the basis of a strict inquiry on the part of both governments, adding: "Were the two nations involved less strong and less sure of themselves it might result in im measurable evil. Pending receipt of the details no one in this country can fail to realize the tremendous responsibility which attaches to every utterance on the sub The Pall Mall Gazette remarks: "The French were undoubtedly in our territory, and it is difficult to understand how even black troops clothed in the conspic uous uniform of the Queen could be mistaken for Sofas. Happily there is no rea-

son to fear a serious difficulty with France." GENERAL WEATHER BULLETIN.

Forecast for To-Day. WASHINGTON, Jan. 6 .- For Ohio an Indiana-Fair: cooler; westerly winds, be-For Illinois-Fair; cooler, except in the northwestern portions; west winds, becom-

ing variable. Local Observations. INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Jan. 6. Time. | Bar. Ther. R. H. Wind. | Weather. | Prec. 7 A.M. 30.00 35 87 S'east. Cloudy. 0.04 7 P. M. 30.16 34 55 West. Pt.cloudy 0.00 Maximum temperature, 39; minimum temper-

ature, 31. The following is a comparative state-ment of the temperature and precipitation, Excess or deficiency since Jan. 1 C. F. R. WAPPENHANS, Local Forecast Official, United States Weather

Whist Club Record The following shows the standing of the

Club for the year just closed:

several members of the Indiana Whist

Points Points Aver-Won. Lost. age. Wright Hamilton3,843 Bates3,372 Woods3,835 Johnston2,566 Moores, C..... Catterson Seeds 402

Walcott 248 Another Rumor of Murder.

At 1 o'clock this morning the police department was busy with another reported murder. The facts as related at police headquarters were to the effect that Lilly Stout, living near the German Orphans' Asylum, on Reed street, had been murdered by her lover. It was supposed that the latter had cut the woman's throat and then killed himself. The report came to the ears of George Stout, the former husband of the alleged victim. Police officers went to the home of the Stout woman, but found her absent, and at a late hour this morning had failed to learn anything of an authoritative nature.

No Such Need Under Harrison. Ex-Councilman Cal Darnell was at the food market last night watching the progress of the relief work, when he saw an old Irishman whom he knew coming away with a well-laden basket. He began mildly chaffing the old man in a political way, when the latter, with a triumphant wave of his right hand toward the basket on his other arm, closed the incipient argument with the clinching remark: "Begob! We niver injugal anny of this whin Harrison was

Few Democrats Left.

Charles F. Griffin, formerly Secretary of State, came in from Hammond yesterday and is at the Bates. He says that there are very few Democrats left around his of the State. The closing of the two steel mills at Hammond and the conequent enforced idleness of over seven hundred men is an object lesson which has a telling effect on the voters of that place.

Monument Commission to Meet. The Monument Commission will meet next Tuesday afternoon, and will probably grap-ple once again with the side group and

German Bookseller Fined Only 100 Marks for Printing Cartoons

Described as Being Insulting to Von Caprivi-The Russian Treaty and Other Fatherland Gossip.

BERLIN, Jan. 6 .- Herr Gloess, a bookseller of Dresden, who was charged with libeling Chancellor Von Caprivi in a pamphlet entitled "Bismarck in Berlin," was convicted yesterday and fined 100 marks. Among the witnesses subpoenaed by the defense was Prince Bismarck. The Prince, however, did not appear. The judge read a certificate from Dr. Schweniger, his physician, stating that the Prince was too ill to attend. The result of the trial has led to considerable comment as to the difference of the respective regimes of Prince Bismarck and Gen. Von Caprivi. The lenient sentence, it is claimed, proves that an immense change has occurred in political views and opinions since the dismissal of the iron Chancellor. People ask themselves whether any court of justice would, under Prince Bismarck's government, have had the independence merely to fine an offender a hundred marks for insulting him in a similar manner. The cartoons in question were exceptionally insulting. In one Prince Bismarck was depicted as sitting on a monument, bound in chains, and holding upon his knee a paper inscribed, "Germany my thought by day and night." The monument was inscribed, "To an old grumbler, from a grateful fatherland," and the pedestal was inscribed, "This place will be disinfected every morning." The monument rests on a stand inscribed, "Spittoon for place hunters, district presidents and court parasites." The other inscriptions were equally insulting to Chancellor Von Caprivi. Alluding to the project of erecting a monument to Prince Bismarck, the writer of the libel said that they wanted to do away with the ex-Chancellor for ever, just as the Emperor at parting wished to give him 50,000 pounds, and declared that the people now try to get rid of him by a monument. In another passage Chancellor Von Caprivi described as being a prematurely weak and ndolent Chancellor, and is charged with being responsible for the influx of Russian Jews into Germany as well as for the introduction of cholera into this country.' The raising of the American minister, the Hon. Theodore D. Runyon, to the rank of embassador, has just been given fitting significance by a special compliment paid by the Emperor, who marked the occasion by driving up to the embassy on New Year's morning and sending up his card, personally inviting Mr. Runyon to a reception. Mr. Runyon gave eclat to the event by driving up to the palace in splendid style with a coachman and two footmea in blue coats and white caps. The American eagle was painted on the carriage panels and the trappings were most elaborately worked. This equipage caused great deal of curiosity among the people of Berlin, though it was not generally understood, the colors not yet being familiar

to the inhabitants of this city. The Hamburger Nachrichten denies that the Princess Bismarck wrote the letter atributed to her in an English periodical devoted to ladies, to the effect that she preferred England to Germany. The Hamourger Nachrichten adds that, as a matter of fact the Princess has never been in England, and also denies the accusation of the pamphlet recently published in which a writer pretended to reveal Prince Bismarck's connection with The Hamburger Nachrichten. A new insurance company is being or-

ganized here by a body of responsible men, mainly jewelers, to insure its members losses at the hands of burglars. the capital of the new company being f2, 000,000, of which 25 per cent. will be called up. In connection with the formation of the new insurance company referred above, it may be stated that police statistics show that Berlin averages yearly 700 cases of extensive larceny with a definite loss of about 200,000 marks. The premium entitling a person to membership in the new insurance scheme will be from an eighth to one-quarter per cent. Many of the leading firms have promised to support the new insurance movement. Following the example of Frederick William IV, who with his brothers attended the centenary, Emperor William will attend the 150th anniversary of the first sitting of the Berlin Academy of Science on Jan. 25 The Cologne Gazette denies the report that Prince Otto Schaumberg-Lippe, who married a Catholic, recently, promised before the wedding, which was solemnized in a Catholic church, that the children of his marriage should be educated in the Catholic faith, adding that protestant officers of the Prussian army are forbidden to give such promise under the pain of being cash-

The cold weather causes the greates misery in many quarters in this city, and additional shelters have been opened here for the accommodation of 2,000 more people who receive coffee and bread free of charge The thermometer has fallen since yesterday and there seems no prospect of an immediate break in the extremely cold wave which has swept over Europe. The municipal council in Spottau, Prussian Silesia. has decided to provide the most needy peoole among the poor with free fuel through out the cold weather.

The city of Buda-Pesth will present Maurice Jokal, the celebrated Hungarian writer on the occasion of his jubilee, with the freedom of the city in a silver casket weighing ten pounds, richly gilted and inlaid, and enameled, and having upon it medallion portraits set in brilliants, rubies and pearls. In addition, Emperor Francis congratulation, and the Cabinet Ministers will personally convey the congratulations to Herr Jokai's residence. Finally, the great Hungarian novelist, who was born Jan. 19, 1825, will receive the sum of £15,000 as half proceeds of an edition de luxe of his works, which has been printed especially for the occasion, and nearly every town of prominence in Hungary, in addi tion to Buda-Pesth, will present Jokai with the freedom of the city, thus making his jubilee a national event. The celebrations begin to-day and are not expected to end

before Monday. The United States embassador, the Hon. Theodore B. Runyon, and Mrs. Runyon gave a dinner to-day to the members and wives of the English and American embassies, all of whom attended, including the Eritish embassador, Sir Edward Mallet and lady.

The Reichsanzeiger announces that the experts who were appointed to attend the world's fair and study the American railway system will meet shortly at a conference to be held in the department of imperial railways in order to discuss the feasibility of adopting American ideas in connection with the German system of rail-The Reichsanzeiger prints a letter from

Chancellor Von Caprivi, written in reply to the resolutions of the Conservative Association, during the course of which, referring to the currency question, the Chancellor says that he is inclined to hear the nonofficial opinions of experts in connection with the official inquiry which has been opened with a view of ascertaining their opinion as to measures desirable in order to raise the depreciated value of silver.

THE SICILIAN RIOTS.

Important Documents Found in the

Residences of Leaders. ROME, Jan. 6.-The Riforma declares that important and compromising documents were discovered in the residences of Signor Giuffrida, member of the Chamber of Deputies, and the head of the Sicilian

secret society, Fasci del Lavoratori, and other leaders in the Sicilian troubles. This discovery led to the search of the residence in this city of the priest Urso, cure of Santa Lucio, who was arrested, together with his sister, his nephew and the sacris-

Attempts have been made to cut the cable between Sicily and the main land and destroy the railways in Sicily. Private dispatches from Trapani state that damage done in the towns in Sicily in which the riots have occurred is beyond calculation. A telegram from the commune of Colonna. in Calabria, says that a mob which collected with the pretext of desiring the liberation of an individual who had been arrested for riotous conduct, stormed the mayoralty and smashed the windows. The gendarmes arrived and dispersed the mob. The municipal authorities have abolished the octrol taxes. There have been similar scenes in other districts of Calabria. Peremptory orders have been sent to the prefects to assure, by force if necessary, the application of the new taxes. The information has also been sent to General Merra di Livriano that the state of siege is equivalent to postponing for two months the maturity of bankers' bills.

afternoon say that a bitter feeling prevails in Sicily, but that the agitation continues in several communes.

Blarsted British Weather. LONDON, Jan. 6 .- Snow fell to-day to the depth of several inches. Nothing like the present period of snow and cold weather has been experienced here since 1881. There is a large amount of snow in the streets of London. At Shorneliffe last

night the mercury fell to zero. There has been a renewal of snowstorms in Ireland, where railway traffic is considerably impeded. In England there have been a number of domestic boiler explosions, with several fatalities, due to the intense cold. Comment on Uncle Sam's Affairs. LONDON, Jan. 6 .- The Chronicle, in an editorial, says: "The latest developments in Hawaii have made its affairs the question of the hour and added a new complica-

tion to the situation in Washington. The

Wilson tariff bill." it says, "viewed in the

light of its influence on voters-the only

light in which the American politician re-

gards questions-has now become a dan-

gerous measure, and it is difficult to see how the bill, as foreshadowed in President Cleveland's message, can pass Congress. New Death-Dealing Weapon. VIENNA, Jan. 6.-The Archduke Carl Salvator, in conjunction with another officer of the army, has invented an automatic mitrailleuse which is reported to be the best yet made. It fires 450 to 480 shots a minute. Smokeless powder can be employed. Forty thousand rounds have been fired from one barrel of the weapon without showing any defect. The cost of the new mitrailleuse is

one thousand florins each. The Adriatic Swept by a Gale. VIENNA, Jan. 6.-Terrible storms are raging in the Adriatic. Many merchant ships have been damaged. Several war ships which left Polao on Jan. 1 are in a bad plight. The frigate Radetzky has been badly damaged.

UNDER A MULE

Israel Harding, While Intoxicated, Killed at Mt. Jackson.

Some of His Friends Believe It Was a Case of Suicide-A Runaway Accident.

Israel Harding, aged fifty years, was killed by a street car at Mt. Jackson last night. He was intoxicated and stumbled upon the track. The driver of the car, Charles Williams, claims that he did not see the victim until the wheels had passed over him and the car jumped from the track. Conductor Chabbin corroborates the statement of the driver. The accident happened about 8 o'clock on the Central hospital line and almost directly in front of the only saloon which Mt. Jackson supports. Harding a short time before he was killed was seen about the saloon and left the place, stating that he was going over to West Indianapolis. He was considerably intoxicated and had been drinking all day. Apparently no one saw him walk on to the track and nothing is known of his movements after he left the saloon. Harding lived with his brother-in-law, W. H. Spears, near Mt. Jackson. He was a bachelor and at one time was possessed of considerable property, which he acquired by hard work on a farm two miles west of the city. Some of his friends believe that he deliberately lay down upon the track with the intention of killing himself, and it is stated that during yesterday he was heard several times to make the assertion that something would happen before night. An hour before the accident he was in Webb's drug store at the corner of Harris avenue and Washington street. It was noticed then that he had been drinking. An examina-tion of the body by Coroner Beck revealed the fact that Harding's death was instantaneous. His head was crushed to a jelly. The remains were taken to the Flanner & Buchanan morgue.

BAD RUNAWAY.

Dr. E. D. Rutledge and His Son Badly Injured Last Night.

Dr. E. D. Rutledge and sixteen-year-old son, of Hadley avenue, West Indianapolis, were seriously injured at the intersection of Kentucky avenue and the railroad tracks last night. They were crossing the tracks in a vehicle, when the horse grew frightened and attempted to run. Dr. Rutledge endeavored to hold the animal, but failed. In making a short turn the buggy was overturned and both occupants were thrown out. Dr. Rutledge was dragged some distance. His left leg was fractured below the knee and he suffered painful bruises. In falling his son struck the ground with his shoulder and was also badly bruised. Dr. Cary was called to attend both the injured men, after which they were taken home.

JAMES BUCHANAN DEAD.

He Was a Successful Inventor of Threshing Machine Devices.

At 4:30 o'clock yesterday morning James Buchanan died, at his home at the corner of Ninth and Ash streets. He was a sufferer from complicated heart troubles, and has been in ill health for more than a year past. For several days prior to his death he realized that he could not live much longer, and talked with his family and friends about the end which he felt was ap-

He was fifty-nine years of age, and one of the leading attorneys of the city. He was known both at home and abroad as "Plan" Buchanan, on account of a plan of his for relieving the financial condition of the country at about the time the old Greenback party was incubated. His plan was similar to, but much more plausible than the two-per-cent. loan idea advanced by the Populist party of to-day. He was born at Waveland and studied law at Attica. He came to this city thirty years ago and entered the practice of law. Aside from his ability as a lawyer, he had natural ability in mechanics which he put to use to his financial advantage. About six years ago he invented a thrasher, which he called the "Cyclone." It was a successful departure in the line of thrashers, and would thrash over two thousand bushels of wheat in a day, cutting the bands and stacking the straw. The straw was stacked by wind furnished from a powerful fan, and the idea of stacking straw by wind was at first ridiculed. Mr. Buchanan accomplished the feat, however, and his royalties upon the use of his thrasher, most of which were manufactured in this city, brought him about \$160,000. He leaves a widow and two

A DIVE KEEPER ROBBED.

Two Inmates of Laura Bess's Place the Accused Ones.

Laura Bess, the keeper of a resort at No. 167 West Maryland street, reported to the police last night the details of a robbery. She reported the loss of \$130 in cash and a solid silver belt valued at \$50. Lillian Russell and Della McCoy, inmates of the house, are accused of the robbery. Late yesterday afternoon the landlady and the Russell girl started up town, leaving Della McCoy in charge of the house. Before leaving the Bess woman left \$10 in possession of the girl with which to pay a bill that would probably be presented for collection. The Russell girl, at the corner of Mississippi and Marland streets, told her mistress that she would return to the house, but would join her down town. She failed to keep her word, and when the proprietress of the house returned sha found both girls absent. Her desk containing \$130 had been opened with an ice hook and the money taken out. The silver belt was also missing with the \$10 left in possession of Della McCoy. The police were unable to get sight of either of the girls and it is thought they boarded the cars for Chicago. The Russell woman made herself prominent a few months ago by creating a scene over the grave of George Rahke at Crown Hill Cemetery. Two months ago Laura Bess was robbed of \$300 by another one of the inmates of

ATTENDANCE

The Republican Primaries Bring Out Large Crowds.

A Feeling of Confidence Prevailed a All of Them-The Usual Contest in the Tenth-Incidents.

The Republican primaries to select delegates to the district convention were held in the various wards last night, and there was an outpouring of Republicans that surprised the old workers who have been in the habit of attending the primaries for years past. In every ward in the city the attendance was exceedingly large, and in several the room in which the primary had been called proved inadequate to accommodate the crowds, and they were compelled to adjourn to other quarters. There was an intensity of interest displayed throughout the city that foretells in unequivocal language Republican victory at the polls next fall. In a number of wards there were opposing slates, but the fight between the supporters of the slates were universally good natured. These contests were heightened by the unusually large attendance. In wards where the vote is largely Democratic and Republicans have usually turned out to the number of from ten to twenty at their primaries, this number was increased from five to tenfold. There were a large number of persons who desired to be sent as delegates to the convention, and the voting in all the wards was spirited. There were a large number of persons ambitious to assist in leading the Republican hosts to victory and who aspired to the honor of being committeemen. After the ward meetings the contests for committeemen in the precincts were even more lively than the contests in the primaries.

Probably the largest crowd at any one primary was that in the Tenth ward, which was held in the Police Court room. Here there was a crowd of fully four hundred persons assembled and the room was inadequate to accommodate them. About half of the number gained admission to the room and the other two hundred stood upon the outside and lined up in the corridors. It was an enthusiastic meeting and started off harmoniously, but before the delegates were selected the usual dispute was raised and a contest in several instances was the result.

The Tweifth ward also held a rousing meeting at Columbia Hall and the hall was crowded with enthusiastic Republicans. P. J. Kelleher was called upon for a speech and spoke at some length with his accustomed eloquence when speaking of Republican principles. He was cheered lustily during the speech and enthusiasm was rampant. The meeting passed resolution indorsing W. W. Milford for secretary of the county committee. In the Fourteenth ward there was an out-

pouring of Republicans that doubled five times over the usual attendance in this ward, which elected a Republican Councilman at the last city election for the first time in the history of the ward, wiping out a Democratic plurality of 550. The ward has never, since it has been a ward, known such a primary as that held last night. J. J. Wenner was chosen as chairman and Edwin Duvall and Robert Walden as secretaries. W. T. Royse was called upon for a speech and responded with a stirring and forcible exposition of Republican principles. He arraigned the Democratic party for its abuse of power and urged upon those present the necessity of thorwhen a Republican victory is so clearly foreshadowed. There is one precinct in this ward, the one-hundred-and-fortysixth precinct, which sent to the primary a delegation about thirty strong. A few years ago Republicans in this precinct were compelled to serve on the election boards with Democrats because there were hardly enough Republicans in the ward to fill the positions. There were fully two hundred voters at the primary. The ward nstructed its delegates to vote for J. Fesler for the State central committee. In the Eleventh ward a well-attended and enthusiastic primary was held, and after the delegates and committeemen had been named there were resolutions adopted in-

dorsing Milford for secretary of the county central committee In West Indianapolis was held the largest Republican primary for many years. They nstructed delegates to vote for J. W. Fes er for member of the State central committee and indorsed Merrill Moores for chairman and Allan Hendricks for secre-

First Ward-Delegates: Will Leonard. Simpson, R. B. Armstrong, J. A. Dodd, W. H. Alberts, P. W. Sullivan, Jack Lewis, M. M. Reynolds, W. H. Smith, W. H. Wright, W. W. Lowry, Bert Waddy, P. M. Bennett. Committeemen: Precinct . Mendenhall; 3, J. C. Ayers; 2, John Roach; 4, F. Lesher; 5, J. Nelson; 6, N. E. Sullivan; 7, Charles Osborn; 8, W. Davis; 12, Charles Lane; Woodruff Place,

Second Ward-Delegates: W. J. Lowry, Gus Boyd, F. C. Smock, Frank Richardso John B. Cockrum, F. C. Gardner, H. L. Smith, Samuel Schutt, G. W. Straddling, H. B. Smith, J. K. Wright, W. F. Keay, Ed G. Booz, W. A. Wildhack. Committeemen: Precinct 13, E. F. Norwood; 14, E. B. Elliott; 15, James H. Billingsly; 16, H. M. Mounts; 17, Robert Oliver; 18, L. W. Coop-J. J. Higgins; 20, W. H. Hobbs; W. H. Roberts; 22, Frank Wallace; 23, liam F. Lander; 24, Charles Glover. Third Ward-Delegates: Precinct 25. B. Shideler; 26, Austin Denny; 27, Winfield Miller; 28, Ed Schroyer; 29, L. J. Blaker; 30, N. S. Byram; 31, Frank Swain; 32, Charles Walcott; 33, John Ellis; 34, Charles Rodgers. Deegates at large: William Stevens, C. R. Root, Charles Bookwalter, I. N. Walker, Alexander Smith, Joseph Dougher-Committeemen: Precinct 25, Frank Dougherty; 26, W. S. Elliott; 27, W. E. Stevenson; 28, Ed Schroyer; 29, M. Platt; 0, Alvin R. Hovey; 31, Joseph Stemen; 32,

Charles Walcott; 33, Ben Lee; 34, Isaac Fourth Ward-Delegates: J. R. McCormick, Frank Welch, William Callahan, G. H. McClure, John Hurley, Nelson Lawrence, E. VanDyne, Joshua Speares, Payton Willis, Joe Broyles, Grant Johnson, Thomas Chandler, R. B. Bagby, Frank Hurt. Committeemen: Precinct 35, G. L. Jones; 36, John Ford; 37, Ross Stout; 38, George Ford; 39, J. L. Grant; 40, William Walden; 41, William Davis; 42, W. W. Christy; 43, Charles Brown; 44, Joe Broyles; 5, Ed Harris. Fifth Ward-Delegates: Precinct 46, Bert Elbert; 47, T. M. Offut; 48, Dr. Long; Dr. O. B. Pettijohn; 50, J. Scholl; 51, Jones; 52, M. Jordan; 53, A. Kerr; White, Committeemen: Precinct 46, Ebber; 47, Worth Merritt; 48, J. D. Kurtz; 49, Con Kelly; 50, C. H. Schull; 51, Frank Jones; 52, Mr. Jordan; 53, Charles Githens;

54. Thomas Burkhart. Sixth Ward-Delegates: Precinct 56, Frank Littleton; 57, Maj. Vinson Carter; 58, Patrick H. Fitzgerald; 59, J. T. Morris; 60, William G. Beach; 61, Maj. Daniel W. Grubbs; 62, George C. Hitt; 63, L. G. tothschild; 64, Edward J. Walker; 65, John M. Baker. Delegates at large: Charles Hickman. Wishard. Finley. Commit-Precinst 56, George liett; 57, Horace E. Smith; 58, Warwick H. Ripley; 59, H. W. Tutewiler; 60, F. A. Joss; 61, L. A. Scherer; 62, Arthur F. Bartlett: 63, Schuyler A. Hass; 64, Harry C. Smith; 65, Dr. George W. Combs Seventh Ward-Delegates: John O. Spahr, Elbert S. Boardman, D. K. Partlow, Newton R. Taylor, Frank R. Sherfey, O. H. Hasselman, John McElwee, Henry Rauh, Eugene Davis, H. J. Everett, Leon Kahn. Committeeman: Precinct 66, John Reade: 67, Clarence Foster; 68, F. W. Baugher; 69, Thomas R. Sherfey; 70, George W. Shaf-fer; 71, Wm. H. Schmidt; 72, Joseph L. Gas-per; 73, C. B. Feibleman; 74, W. L. Taylor. Eighth Ward-Delegates: John Heine, Herman Schweir, Pauline Lendormi, William Reager, Owen Froy, J. W. Davidson, Benjamin J. Peake, Frank Jared. Committeemen: Precinct 75, Lewis Bauer; 76, H. L. Rigg; 77, G. W. Aiken; 78, John A. Soltam; 79, Charles Bishop; 80, Charles Kraig; 81, William G. Parker; 82, A. F. Collins: 83, Thomas Bowser. Ward-Delegates Thomas Sim, Frank Hay, George Reese, Charles Duval, G. W. Crouch, William Cline, Joe Hogue, A. O. Despo, H. T. Miller. Committeemen;

trouble began to brew. Two slates were voted on and there was a heap of confusion. The secretary reports the following delegates elected: Charles Elliot, J. W. Rickett. - Handerson, C. H. Black, F. C. Richards, Charles Zigler, Robert Brown, M. C. Davis, M. Cobler. The following will contest: Joseph Solo-non. Henry McPeake, Robert Metzger,

Frank Dearinger, George Seibert, Mark Davis, Ed Sourbeer, Silas Harvey, Frank The meeting then divided up into precincts and the following are reported elected as committeemen (where two names are mentioned to a precinct there is a contest); 94, W. H. Wilson; 95, Richard Langsdale, Robert Metzger: 96, George Lanham; 97, Lee Nixon; 98, J. R. Richards; 99, W. H. Pritchard; 100, W. C. Vandiver, Henry Mc-

Peake; 101, William McBride; 102, S. D. Crane, Ed Sourbeer; 103, C. H. Riggs, Jos. Eleventh Ward-Delegates: John Wren, Al Moore, J. W. Taylor, John Patton, Ed Jordan and Dave Francis. Committeemen: Precinct 104. Frank Grubbs; 105. Frank Offut; 106, Elwood Sands; 107, Arthur Bretz; Frank Reynolds; 109, Edward Jordan; John Wren; 111. Frank W. Crawford; 12, Al Moore; 113, George McCracken; 114,

James Taylor. Twelfth Ward-Delegates: George Steiglemeyer, Thomas Shuffleton, Fred Houser, William Carrouthers, Thomas Seery, Bruce Wheeden, J. D. Brown. Comitteemen: Precinct 115, John Beeber; 116, 117 and 118, no selection; 119, T. F. Seery; 120, J. D. Brown; 121, no selection; 122, Gideon Drake; 123, no selection; 124, George Steiglemeyer;

Thirteenth Ward-Delegates: Joe Fisher, Joe Ernshaw, E. L. Atkinson, James

125, Ford Houser.

Moore, Thomas Brock, Lewis Essman, William Carnegie, Ed Strong, Robert Roberts, Committeemen: Precinct 126, Al. Glossbrenner; 127, E. J. Branham; 128, E. L. Atkinson; 129, D. W. Wilson; 130, C. A. Mor-ris; 131, M. M. Conrow; 132, Harry Roberts; John South; 134, Thomas Ryan; 135, Thomas Quill; 136, G. A. Wurgler. Fourteenth Ward-Delegates: Dick Irish, J. Wenner, Charles Etter, Henry Reinfells. Edwin Duvall, William Kirmin, Walter A. Royse. Committeemen: Pre-cinct 137, J. J. Wenner; 138, no selection; 139, W. F. Taylor; 140, Joseph A. Dynes; Frank Owens; 142, Charles Reinfells; 143, Jack Maloney; 144, J. W. Silcox; 145, George Kline: 146, Edwin Duvall, Fifteenth Ward-Delegates: James W. Hudson, Charles O. Britton, Walter Sourbeer and A. M. Townsend. Committeemen: Precinct 147, M. D. Smith; 148, Thomas Russell; 149, B. F. South; 150 Charles Barr; 151, Walter Sourbeer; 152, Fred Gaul: 153, I. F. Fesler; 154, no selection; 155, Fred Trucks; 156, Addison M. Fownsend; 157, William Morgan; 158, Chris Jensen. West Indianapolis-Delegates: C. J. Clark, James Ellis, J. Hanke, Charles Lawrence, John Abbott, Tom Martin, J. C. McCain Committeemen: Precinct 161, John Gish; 162, John Tooley; 163, J. H. Holland; 164, Jacob

Charles Brown. Warren Township-Delegates: James T. William H. H. Graham, Anton Wiese; alternates, Samuel Smith, James L. Kingsbury, Thomas D. Cotton. Committteemen: Precinct 1, William McVey; 5 Samuel H. Shank; 3, Frederick Wiese; 4 John Wiese.

Southport-Delegates: Perry Samuel Todd, James Norwood, James Mc-Farland. Committeemen: Precinct 1, C E. Hardesty; 2, Samuel C. Dawson; Henry Lift; 4, William Glenn. In the Ninth Ward it was decided to hold meetings in the various precincts next Wednesday for the purpose of selecting precinct committeemen. These will be held at 7:30 p. m., at the following residences and places of business: Precinct 84, L. B. French, Woodside; 85, W. Chill 62. Jefferson street; 86 Baron & Bro., 70 East Washington street; 87, hall corner of Bates and Dillon streets; 88, Charles Clark, East Washington street; 89, John Smith stone yard; 90, P. C. Trusler, 314 Fletcher avenue; 91, Thomas Tallentire, jr., 223 Fetcher avenue; 92, Joe Hogue, 113 Lexington avenue; 93, Andrew Buchanan, 190 Woodlawn avenue.

ATTACKS THE TAX LIMIT.

A Madison Suit Questions the Validity of a Constitutional Section.

There is pending in the Supreme Court a case in which the validity of a section of the Constitution is questioned. It is the case of Joseph T. Brashear and others against the city of Madison, and the brief alleges that the section in question was not incorporated in the Constitution according to the legal requirement. Under the Conough and compact organization at this time | stitution any amendment may be proposed in either branch of the Legislature, and if adopted by both branches it goes over to the next Legislature, where it must again be passed favorably upon before it goes to the people for final disposition. The claim is now made that the section in question which, as an amendment to the Constitution, passed both branches of the General Assembly of 1877, failed to pass the House of 1879, and is therefore void By some mistake it went to the people with several other amendments which had been properly acted upon, was indorsed and made a part of the Constitution This amendment is the one which limit a debt which a political or municipal corporation can contract to 2 per cent. of the value of the taxable property within such corporation, and the decision of the Supreme Court in the case will be watched

for with much interest. AT THE FOOD MARKET.

Yesterday a Busy Day-More Men to Be Put to Work.

Yesterday at the food market was a busy day, and the orders exceeded those of any previous day. At 6 o'clock last night the clerks had filled 104 baskets. Yester-Gresh; 9, B. F. Hill; 10, L. E. Kline; 11, Joe day was the second day for those who secured orders at the opening of the market which accounted for the unusual rush. The force of clerks at the market has become more accustomed to the growd and are now able to handle the applicants without confusion. It was stated yesterday at the market that fifty men would be set to work by the street commissioner to-morrow. It was the purpose to give daily employment to this number of men all last week, but on account of the inability of the committee to notify the applicants the plan did not result satisfactorily. This trouble has been obviated, however, and work will begin in earnest to-morrow

> Inspectipe Fire Department Horses. Dr. Armstrong, veterinary surgeon of the fire department, has been making an examination of the department horses with respect to their ages and soundness. A majority of the horses are in good condition. A few are unfit for further service and some others are not entirely sound, but are fit for service. In the future a record is to be kept of all the horses and the date of purchase. The horses have been numbered from one to sixty-five, inclusive, and each horse will have a number on its bridle.

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Placards have been affixed to public buildings in this city reading, "No more tax, no more octrol." The police defaced these placards and are taking steps to prevent the posting of any more of them. Dispatches received from Pulermo the Dispatches received from Pulermo t